

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
DOROTHY ROTH

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my friend and my constituent Dorothy Roth, who sadly passed away on Monday. Dorothy's life was a testament to the innate goodness of human nature; a demonstration of the overwhelming positive effect one person can have on the community; and a reflection of the can-do spirit of America. She will be deeply missed by countless people.

Throughout her 81 years, Dorothy lived life to the fullest, with endless enthusiasm, an unmistakable grace, and an unwavering commitment to others. Her leadership challenged others to achieve more. Whether it was her work on behalf of the West Chester Liberty Chamber Alliance, Friends of the West Chester Library, Partners in Prime, The Community Foundation, the West Chester Historical Society, or the local Republican Party, Dorothy always gave more than she ever asked or received.

It is little wonder that in 1999 the West Chester Liberty Chamber Alliance designated its annual award as the Dorothy and Art Roth Citizen of the Year Award, in honor of Dorothy and her late husband Art. And it is also little wonder that in 2005 Dorothy received the Chamber's Lifetime Member Award.

As deserving as the awards and accolades were, the true hallmarks of Dorothy's life were the small things she did day in and day out for people across our community, and for the organizations that work each day to make West Chester a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. Dorothy's infectious smile in a time of need; her wit and energy to boost one's day; her never-give-up attitude; and her ability to see the best in people changed our community for the better . . . one person, one group, one smile, one laugh, one encouraging comment at a time.

Dorothy Roth's life was a testament to the American ethos, to the spirit of community and of devotion to others. I consider it an honor to have represented Dorothy in Congress. She was a friend and a citizen in the truest sense of the word. Her passing is a loss for our community, but her life is an example for us all to follow so that we can continue the work she so deeply loved. May God watch over my dear friend Dorothy Roth.

REPEALING MANDATORY FUNDING
FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1216) to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations:

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this short-sighted and harmful legislation, H.R. 1216.

Everybody recognizes that we don't have enough primary care physicians and by 2020 most experts believe that we will face a shortage of over 40,000 primary care doctors. This legislation ignores reality and would jeopardize funding for a program whose purpose is to increase the number of primary care doctors and bring down the cost of health care.

As a result, it would be more difficult to find a doctor and people would be forced to turn to more expensive and less effective emergency room care.

This bill is a step backwards. Rather than supporting a meaningful effort that will reduce this shortage of primary care physicians, Republicans have brought a bill to the Floor that undermines health care. It is one of the many mindless attempts to repeal health care reform that just make needed change harder to achieve. We need to strengthen our health care system by implementing health care reform.

To move forward we need to reject Republican efforts, vote down this bill and reject the dangerous health care policies in the Republican budget that will end Medicare and cut Medicaid.

I urge Members of Congress to reject this bill.

ELIZABETH ROHN-NELSON
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson for her commitment to helping others through her vast experience in public affairs and media relations. Ms. Rohn-Nelson has dedicated herself to dozens of important causes and has been an exemplary volunteer.

Her ability to publicize and popularize a program or issue is a rare talent. If not for Ms. Rohn-Nelson's efforts, the famous "Bells Across America" event would never have

been launched, nor a number of other, similar events. She also played an instrumental role in the United States Bicentennial celebration, several political campaigns and many non-profit groups.

Perhaps her most admirable characteristic is her passion for connecting to people. The warmth and care she shows towards all is commendable. It is one of the reasons she has displayed such affluence in public affairs.

She launched campaigns to help the homeless, created volunteer awards, and fought for education across the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and recognize Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson. She has spent a lifetime helping the less fortunate and I have no doubt that she will continue to provide leadership to communities across the country.

CELERATING REPUBLIC OF
AZERBAIJAN 93RD REPUBLIC DAY

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Ms. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, on May 28, the Republic of Azerbaijan will celebrate its 93rd Republic Day, as well as the 20th anniversary of its freedom from the Soviet Union and the start of diplomatic relations with the United States.

Located between Russia and Iran in the strategic region between Europe and Asia, Azerbaijan is a stable and secular country, and is one of the few places in that part of the world where Muslims, Jews and Christians live together in peace.

Additionally, Azerbaijan has always been a great ally of the United States, offering assistance after the attacks on 9/11, and supporting action in the Middle East to protect the United States and the world from the threat of terrorism.

My colleagues are encouraged to join me in honoring Azerbaijan on the occasion of its 93rd Republic Day and celebrating the continuation of the great United States-Azerbaijan relationship.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS
WEEK

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, once again, I rise this morning to share with my colleagues in the House what my neighbors at home shared with me during the May Constituent Work Period.

The week at home coincided with National Small Business Week. I was happy to meet with a number of small business owners.

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